Sl.No.	SEBs	Amount
11.	Madhya Pradesh	-2201
12.	Maharashtra	-358
13.	Meghalaya	-36
14.	Orissa	-90
15.	Punjab	-1329
16.	Rajasthan	-1352
17.	Tamil Nadu	-957
18.	Uttar Pradesh	-2784
19.	West Bengal	-993
	TOTAL :	-20128

SOURCE: Annual report on the working of State Electricity Boards & Electricity Departments published by Planning Commission (June 2001)

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Liberalisation of coal policy

3234. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has liberalised its coal policy and has given new guidelines recently;

(b) if so, whether under this policy and guidelines, the State Government companies can now mine for coal and liginite through memorandum of article of association;

(c) whether any restriction have been imposed on the companies in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) to what extent the State Government have welcomed this move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. A revised Coal Mining Policy has been issued on 12th December, 2001. Under the revised policy, the

State Government companies or undertakings are allowed to do mining of coking and non-coking coal or lignite reserves, either by opencast or underground method, anywhere in the country, subject to the following conditions:

i) The State Government company or undertaking (referred to as the 'company' hereafter) is authorised to do coal or lignite mining by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

ii) The company will do coal or lignite mining in accordance with the provisions of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973, the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970, and all other mineral, environmental and labour laws and other regulations governing the Indian coal industry.

iii) For coal, the company shall obtain a certificate from Coal India Limited to the effect that the later has no plan or willingness to undertake mining operations for coal in the concerned area. For lignite, the company shall obtain a certificate from Neyveli Lignite Corporation.

iv) The proposed mining area has not been allotted to a captive mining compnay under the provisions of Section 3(3)(a)(iii) of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973.

v) No financial assistance from the Central Government or Coal India Limited or Neyveli Lignite Corporation shall be provided to the compnay for coal or lignite mining in the concerned area.

vi) None of the coal or lignite mines operated by the company will be taken over by the Central Government or Coal India Limited or Neyveli Lignite Corporation in the event of closure of such a mine or otherwise.

vii) No employee of the company, engaged in a coal or lignite mine operated by it, will be absorbed in Coal India Limited or Neyveli Lignite Corporation at any point of time.

No reaction from any State Government has been received on the revised policy.